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SUBJECT: FENCING FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

REF: A) BANGKOK 17307 B) STATE 223315

1. INSTALLATION OF FENCING ASAP IS ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THREE REASONS:

A) EA/EX PROVIDED FUNDS LATE LAST FISCAL YEAR TO BANK KLONGS NEAR BOUNDARIES OF OFFICIAL RESIDENCE COMPOUND. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT WAS TO PREVENT FURTHER EROSION WHICH WAS CAUSING FENCES (AS WELL AS TREES AND BUSHES) TO FALL. WORK ON THIS PROJECT IS STILL UNDERWAY AND CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES IS A LOGICAL PART OF THIS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

B. TO COMPLETE WORK ON BANKING OF KLONGS AND HAVE CONTRACTOR RETURN LATER TO INSTALL FENCES WOULD DRAW FAR MORE ATTENTION TO BUILDING FENCES THAN TO DO THE WORK NOW.

C. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION ACTIVITY AT OFFICIAL RESIDENCE WILL BE LOW FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. THUS IN TERMS OF KEEPING FENCE CONSTRUCTION AS INCONSPICUOUS AS POSSIBLE, THERE WILL NOT BE A BETTER TIME THAN THE PRESENT.

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2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED FUNDS ARE NOT BEING REQUESTED FOR FENCING

ON FRONT OR WIRELESS ROAD SIDE OF COMPOUND. FENCING ALONG WIRELESS ROAD WILL BE ONLY SEVEN FEET IN HEIGHT AND WELL HIDDEN BY A HEDGE. FENCING ON TWO SIDES OF PROPERTY WILL NOT BE CONSPICIOUS FROM STREET AND FENCING AT THE REAR WILL DRAW LITTLE ATTENTION SINCE CONTIGUOUS STREET IS LIGHTLY TRAVELED.

3. THE \$2,000 AUTHORIZED WILL BE USED TO FENCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH FOR REASONS STATED ABOVE, TO COMMENCE WORK NOW ON ENTIRE \$32,000 PROJECT IS THE MOST DESIRABLE OF OPTIONS. OTHER OPTIONS WOULD BE TO IMMEDIATELY FENCE REAR SIDE, BUT DEFER CONSTRUCTION OF FENCING ON TWO SIDES (APPROXIMATE COST \$11,000) OR CONSTRUCT TWO SIDE FENCES AND DEFER CONSTRUCTION REAR FENCE (APPROXIMATE COST \$22,000). FUNDING ONE OF THESE OPTIONS ASAP IS RECOMMENDED.

4. ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING FUNDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO COVER ADDITIONAL GUARD EXPENSE FOR OFFICIAL RESIDENCE REFERRED TO IN REF (A).
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